



# History of The Bath County Squadron

By Col. A. C. L. Gatewood (1843-1919)

(16th in a series of articles originally published in The Bath News in 1895-96.)

About the 15th of February, 1863, the 17th Battalion of Cavalry was formed into a regiment by the annexation of Co.'s "I and K" and was afterwards known as the 11th Virginia Cavalry. This regiment consisted of ten companies as follows. Company "A", Capt. Myers of Berkeley county; Co "B", Capt. W. H. Harness of Hardy county; Co "C", Capt. Harper of Rockingham county; Co. "D" Capt. E. H. McDonald of Hampshire county; Co. "E", Capt. Hess of Shenandoah county; Co. "F", Capt. A. J. Ware of Bath county; Co. "G", Capt. Foxhall A. Dangfield of Bath county; Co. "H", Capt. Pierce of Frederick county; Co. "J", Capt. W. D. Hall of Fairfax county; Co. "K" Capt. Weems of Alexandria county. At the organization of the 11th Va. Cavalry O. R. Funsten was appointed Lieut. Colonel and M. D. Hall, Major. At the same time Lt. A. J. Ware

of the squadron wounded in this engagement. It was the pleasure of the 11th Regiment to meet and capture the same Federal Regiment at Jeffersonton in Fauquier county in October 1864, when an old dutch captain said, "Mine Got, ve can't go any-vere but dish d--n 11th Regiment is after us."

The officers and men of the two regiments got pretty well acquainted with each other during their captivity. Your correspondent has at this time a fine sabre captured from an officer of this regiment at Jeffersonton. This was the first engagement of the 11th Regiment after it's organization into a regiment. It returned to camp that night with its booty consisting of between 200 and 300 prisoners with their horses, bridles, saddles and small arms highly flushed with victory. After recovering from the long race on the 26th General Jones moved his Brigade up the Valley to Kratzers Springs, five miles north of Harrisonburg where it remained in peace and quietude until the spring

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 Valley pike, marching at a  
 quick pace eager to meet the  
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Between Edinburgh and  
 Woodstock we met and en-  
 gaged the 13th Penn. Cav-  
 alry. After a short and sharp  
 contest the command to draw  
 sabre and charge was receiv-  
 ed. The rebel yell was given  
 and the boys went for them  
 with a vengeance. They soon  
 gave way in utter confusion  
 and the rout was complete.  
 The 11th Regiment charged  
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### Personals

Mr and Mrs. Carl Harouff  
 were dinner guests of Rev.  
 and Mrs. Glenn Harris Sun-  
 day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Car-  
 penter were visitors in Staun-  
 ton Friday.

Mrs. Kenneth Hayes has  
 returned to her home in  
 Huntington, W. Va. after  
 spending a few days with  
 her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Forest Carpenter.

Mrs. Viola Williams is a  
 patient in the Community  
 House. Others who have been  
 on the sick list are: Little  
 Miss Tessie Woodzelle and  
 Miss Hazel Ann Hoover.

Bootsie Berry is able to  
 be out after being confined  
 to his home for several days  
 due to illness.

Miss Ann Williams spent  
 the weekend with Miss Sallie  
 Mines at the Vine Cottage  
 Inn.

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FEBRUARY 3

## 'Old Yeller'

Dorothy McGuire and Fess Parker

Color—Melodrama

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FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 4

## 'The Arizona Rangers'

Audie Murphy and Gloria Talbot

Western—TC—TS

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SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 5

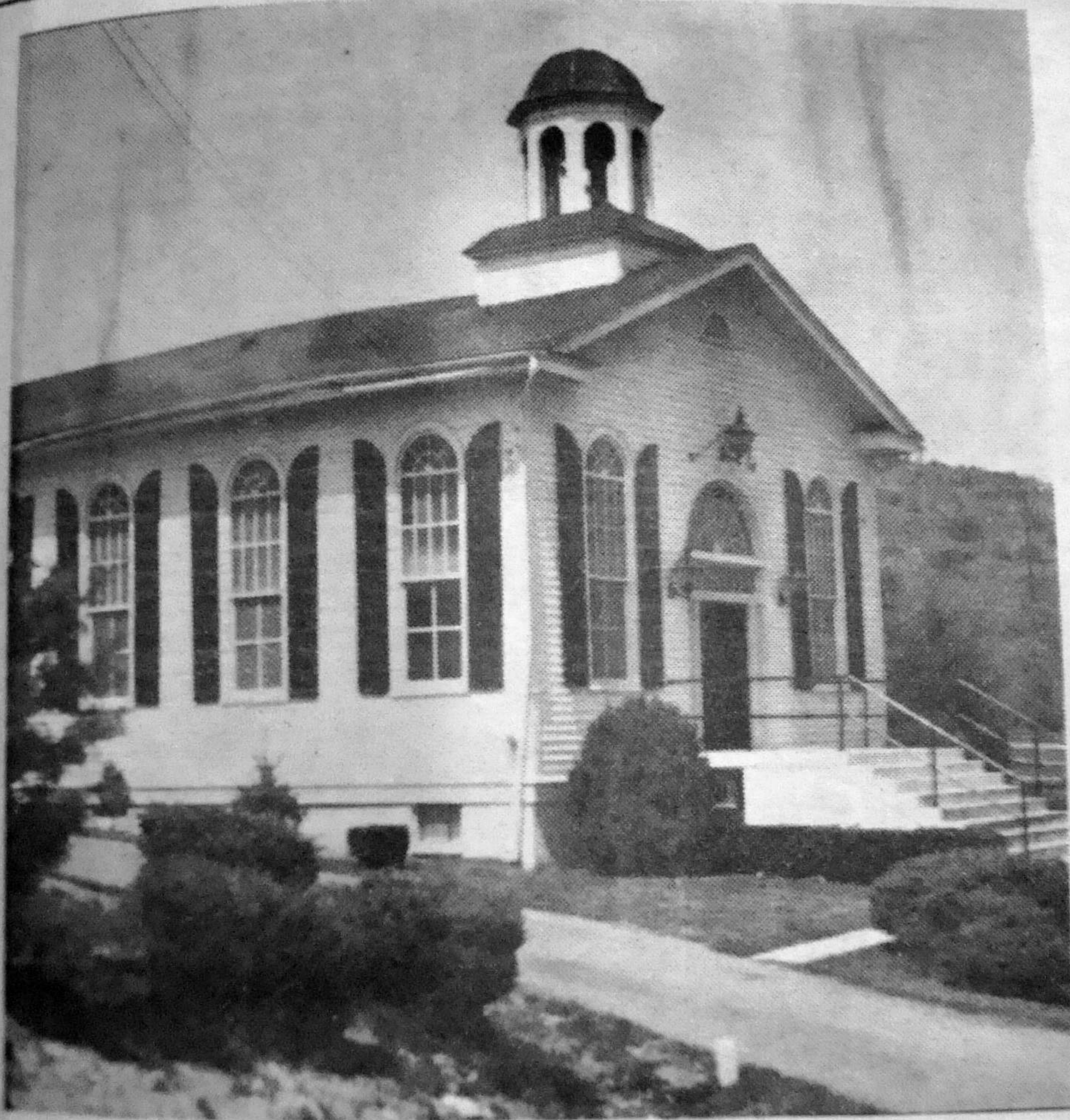
## 'Young Dillinger'

Nick Adams and Mary Ann Mobley

Melodrama—B&W

Cartoon

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**BACOVA CHAPEL**, which has been a chapel of Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, is to become a community center serving the people of the western Bath County village of Bacova. For story, turn to page 9.

—Recorder Photo

# Picturesque Bacova Chapel Will Be Community Center

BACOVA - Bacova Chapel will become a community center for the people of this western Bath County locality under an agreement approved last month by the Lexington Presbytery.

For most of its 40-odd years of existence, the picturesque white frame church with green shutters has been a chapel of Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, under the authority of the Warm Springs session.

## Open House to Honor Golden Anniversary

MONTEREY - Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hammer will be honored by their family at an open house at the Hammer home on Sunday, May 21, from 2 to 5 p. m.

The occasion, originally scheduled for Feb. 27 but postponed because of illness, will celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer.

## Bath, Highland HD Members Attend Meet

FISHERSVILLE - Bath and Highland Home Demonstration members attended the annual meeting Wednesday at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center here of District VII of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Jimmy Jack of Highland County led the group in the pledge and creed. Entertainment was provided by the following Bath County 4-H members - Bobbie and Crystal Brinkley, Custer LaRue, Jerry Nelson and Jeanette Strasser.

Mrs. Virginia S. Ogilvy, clothing specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service, spoke on "After a Fashion?"

## Religious Education Programs to be Given

MONTEREY - The Highland County Weekday Religious Education Council will conduct programs on Wednesday, May 17, at Millwood Presbyterian Church for Snowwell Elementary School students and on Thursday, May 18, at Monterey Presbyterian Church for Monterey Elementary School programs. The programs, to which the public is invited, will begin at 7:30 p. m. each night, with Miss Charus Hannah as the teacher.

The Phospor 50 spacecraft was streaking toward the planet Jupiter ahead because the first one made attempt to escape the solar prison.

And, according to the Rev. Robert L. Hennessee, pastor of Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, the chapel has "struggled to carry on a ministry to the Bacova community, but for various reasons, the ministry has never been a very satisfactory one over the years."

Some years ago, two noted elders of the Presbyterian Church in Bath County - Walter Farnsworth of the Hot Springs church and the State Sen. Charles Loving of the Warm Springs church - deeded the chapel to the Lexington Presbytery.

Efforts have been made in the past to revive lagging interest in Bacova Chapel. In February, 1971, the Warm Springs session decided to make one last concerted effort "to develop a ministry in Bacova that would be truly Christian and truly Reformed," the Rev. Mr. Hennessee said.

But success wasn't forthcoming, and in June 1971, the chapel committee, composed of Alfred Hicks, Mrs. Emma Swearingen, Kenneth Agen, Marvin Pursley, M. L. Dalton and Elmer Hurt, unanimously decided to recommend to the Warm Springs session that this ministry be discontinued for lack of interest.

Normally, only 10 to 12 persons participated in worship services at Bacova Chapel and sometimes attendance dropped as low as four or five, the Rev. Mr. Hennessee said.

Then, a group of interested Bacova residents approached the Church Extension Committee of the Lexington Presbytery about the possibility of the chapel being conveyed to a group in Ba-

cova for the purpose of a community center, with the stipulation that no religious services of any type could ever be conducted there without the expressed approval of the presbytery.

The extension committee studied this request for several months, exploring in depth the need for a chapel in Bacova in light of the numerous churches in close proximity to the community.

Their ultimate conclusion was that "no valid Christian and Reformed ministry could be carried on in Bacova or that it was needed" since the area and Bath County in general already had more churches than the population actually demanded.

The committee's unanimous recommendation to the Lexington Presbytery, approved at its April meeting, is that the property be conveyed to the corporation of Bacova residents seeking a community center with the following stipulations:

--No religious programs of any kind be conducted there without the expressed approval of the presbytery, and,

--If the corporation or successor ever fails, the property shall revert to the presbytery.

When asked why the presbytery insisted on these stipulations the Rev. Mr. Hennessee said this was done "to protect the community from any undesirable groups or persons from gaining foothold in Bacova in the name of religion that would bring a blight on the community and out of a deep desire for this physical structure to serve the fine people of the Bacova area in the best possible manner."

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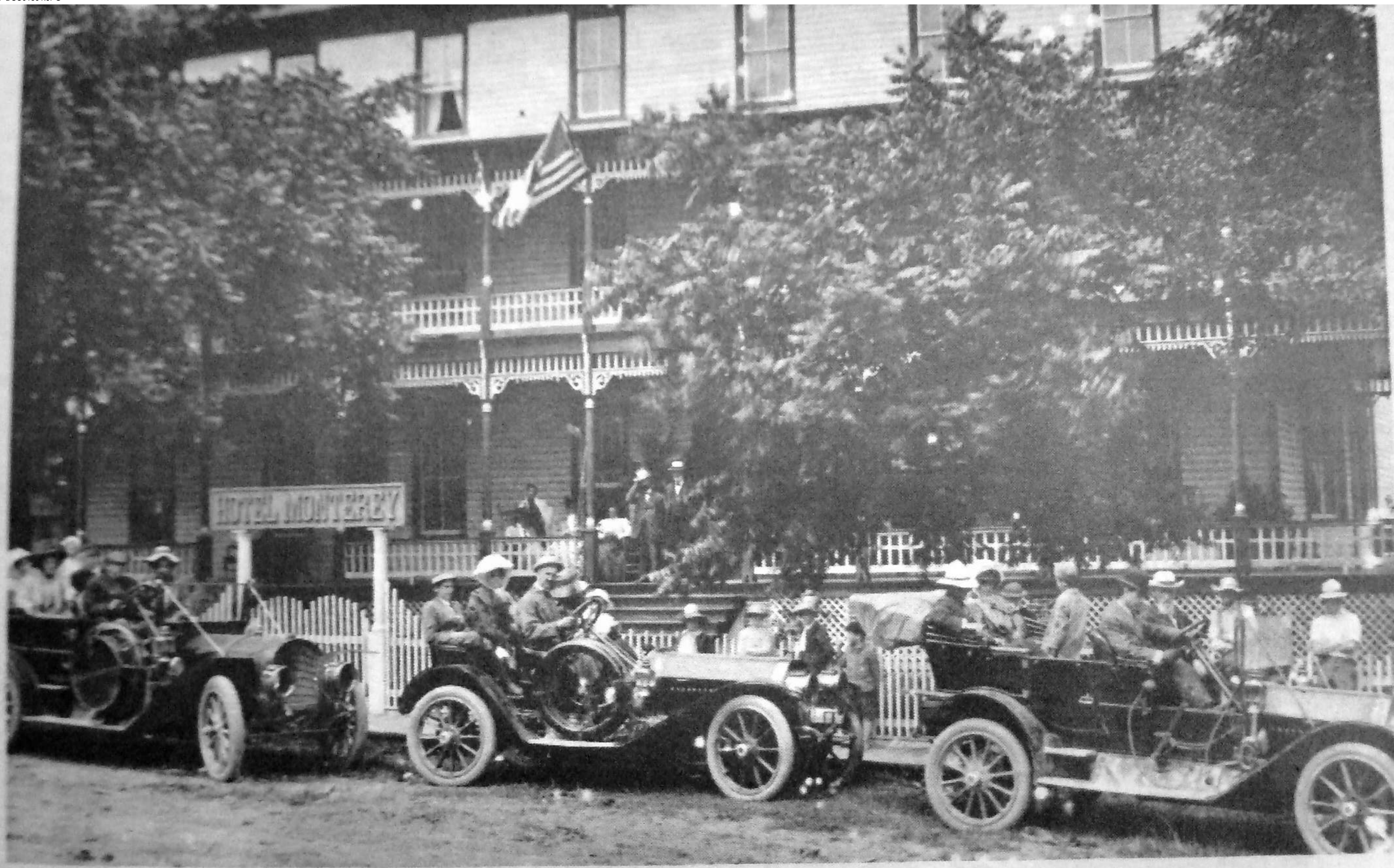
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**THIS MAIL HACK** served the Hightown-Blue Grass Star Route in the early part of the century. The mailman is Robert Whitelaw, who died during 1918, and who was the father of

**Clyde and Eugene Whitelaw of Monterey and John Whitelaw of Ft. Howard, Md.** The date of the picture is unknown, but this reproduction is from a postcard dated Aug. 25, 1907.



**THE YEAR IS UNKNOWN** but this picture was obviously taken in the early 1900's—the era of derbies and Panama straw hats for men and dusters for the lady travelers. The people in the early touring cars may have been passing through Monte-

rey since the autos are equipped with spare tires and luggage. The flag on the front of the then Hotel Monterey might indicate a holiday. One clue for older residents might be the white picket fence, long gone from the present Monterey Hotel.

# Bath Supervisors Will Meet With Planners on Zoning

**WARM SPRINGS** Efforts to enact a zoning ordinance for Bath County, which have lain dormant for the past few years, were renewed during Tuesday's meeting of the county's board of supervisors.

At the suggestion of Supervisor John M. Trimble, the board agreed to meet informally with the county planning commission on Monday, Oct. 2.

The idea of countywide zoning for Bath was first proposed about 10 years ago, and the planning commission was charged with drafting an ordinance for the supervisors' consideration, Supervisor Chairman Roy M. Cleek recounted.

However, he went on, the planners suggested "a more elaborate ordinance than the supervisors wanted" at that time. The matter has since remained unresolved, and the supervisors and the planners apparently have not been able to agree on a zoning ordinance to serve Bath County.

There has been some agitation, particularly among residents of the developed area along US 220 from Warm Springs southward, to enact a zoning ordinance before the county is marred, in their opinion, by uncontrolled and unsightly development.

On the other hand, there is a feeling, especially strong in the rural, undeveloped eastern half of the county, that a zoning ordinance would result in a land owner losing some of his rights over his property. Supervisor Stuart L. Hall, who represents Williamsville District, said a zoning ordinance would pose a hardship on property owners of modest means, who would have to fill out paperwork should they wish to alter the use of their property.

He suggested that any zoning ordinance enacted for Bath County be tailored to fit the needs of the individual magisterial districts. His district, he pointed

out, is almost entirely agricultural.

Mr. Cleek conceded that "we need zoning now more than we did" several years ago. The determining factor is Virginia Power and Electric Co.'s plans to construct a \$263-million pumped storage facility on Back Creek and Little Back Creek in western Bath County.

Besides bringing added tax revenues into the county's treasury, the project could well place considerable demands on the county's housing, sewage and school facilities, the supervisors were told.

The construction phase, which could take two or three years, may well bring as many as 500 families into Bath and Highland counties, both of which suffer from an acute housing shortage, said Dr. Malcolm Tenney Jr., district health director.

He said he seemed to think many of the construction workers would bring their families into the two counties, straining the counties' school and sewage facilities. "It could be a disaster," he warned.

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They are about to hire two doctors to serve Millboro, Logan and Craigsville under the Federal Health Services Corps program by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Malcolm Tenney Jr., district health director, told the county board of supervisors Tuesday.

A public meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Upper Elementary School in Craigsville to discuss the project, which Dr. Tenney said "probably the best opportunity the area had had to get the badly-needed medical service."

The two jobs, NEW would be in Millboro in the Millboro-Craigsville area, and the other in the rural area of Logan, Craigsville and August. The program is completely with the Federal Government, and pay for the two doctors is \$10,000 annual. Dr. Tenney said.

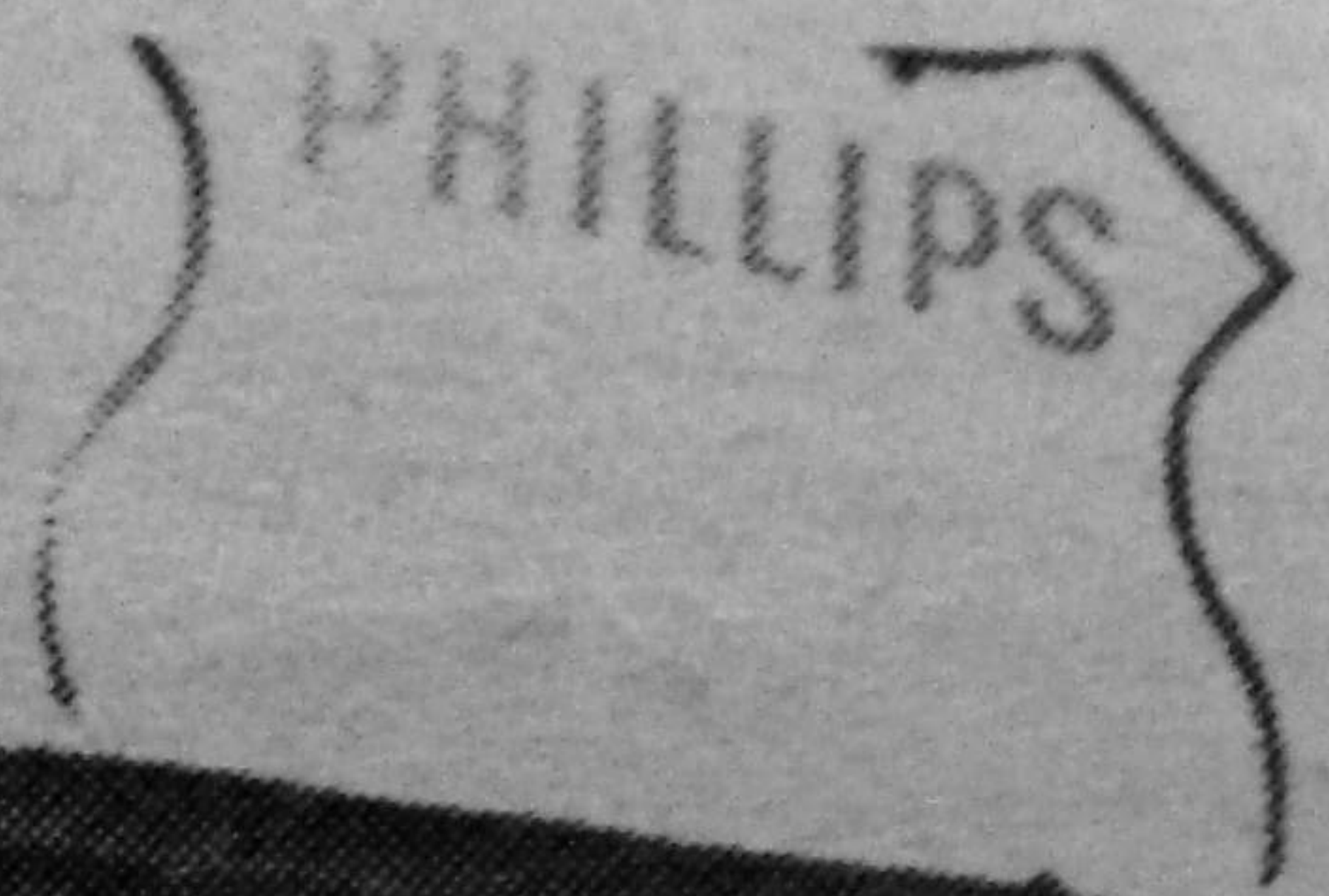




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The construction project could take two or three years and may well bring as many as 100 families into Bath and Highland counties, both of which are suffering from an acute housing shortage, said Dr. Malcolm Tenney, district health director.

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